

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Corrections Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Frank Susman at approximately 3:05 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Facility, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The following individuals were present:

Members Present:

- Frank Susman, Legal Community
- Dale Lettenberger, Law Enforcement - Investigative Bureau
- Adan Mendoza, Law Enforcement
- Steve S. Spencer, Medical Community/Substance Abuse
- Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz, Mental Health Community
- Maria Cristina Lopez, Immigrant Advocacy Community

Member(s) Excused:

- Michelle George, Juvenile Justice
- Mary Ellen Gonzales, Restorative Justice
- Ben Baur, Public Defender's Office
- [One Vacancy]

Staff Present:

- Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director
- Mark Caldwell, Warden
- Aaron Garcia, Corrections
- Tila Rendon-Varela, Staff Liaison

Others Present:

- Roman Garcia, Citizen

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II. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.



Deputy Chief Lettenberger announced he would be retiring and no longer serving on the Committee. Chair Susman thanked him for his contribution. Director Sedillo thanked him for his commitment and dedication to Santa Fe.

Ms. Rendon-Varela said she would begin advertisement for the member terms that expire April 2015 – Members Spencer, Bauer, Susman, Lopez, and George. The other members have an additional year.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Spencer moved to approve the agenda and Deputy Chief Lettenberger seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes

September 11, 2014: Deputy Chief Lettenberger moved to approve the September 11, 2014 meeting minutes. His motion was seconded by Dr. Spencer and passed without opposition.

November 13, 2014: Dr. Spencer moved to approve the November minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Deputy Chief Lettenberger and passed without opposition.

IX. Matters from the Public

Roman Garcia said some of the Christmas cards he sent to people in the adult facility were returned to him. He said greeting cards are an important component of rehabilitation. He followed the rules regarding correspondence as they appear on the website and requested an explanation of the policy that drove the return.

Warden Caldwell said given the extraordinary amount of contraband that comes through the mail, policies have been enacted. He asked to discuss the matter with Mr. Garcia following a review of the policy implementation with his staff.

According to the website, glitter, electronics and plastic are prohibited, stated Mr. Garcia. He repeated that he adhered to those rules and his cards were returned. “It’s detrimental to the morale...” Not all but some of the cards were rejected which further highlights the inconsistency.

For the record, the Federal Bureau of Corrections permits greeting cards, stated Mr. Garcia.

A further issue is availability of minutes. Mr. Garcia said he has been unable to obtain the minutes from the past few meetings since they are not on the County website. This afternoon he was advised to submit a formal IPRA (Inspection of Public Records Act) request. The Open Meetings Act requires the publication of the minutes in draft form.

Ms. Rendon-Varela said the minutes are posted on the website once they have been approved by the committee. The past few meetings the committee lacked a quorum and no action could be taken. The minutes will be on the website following today's action.

Director Sedillo said once approved the minutes are posted on the County website. He understood that until they are approved an IPRA request was necessary. Mr. Garcia disagreed and said he should be able to review a draft.

In response to Mr. Garcia's concern that the meetings are not adequately noticed to the public, Ms. Rendon-Varela assured him that the meetings are properly noticed and meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

VIII. Matters from the Committee

Dr. Spencer reported that he presented the CAC report to the BCC on November 25th and it was well received. He said Commissioners Holian and Stefanics support an additional re-entry case manager position. The BCC asked about connectivity with families and organizations at the facility.

Dr. Spencer introduced a motion to support an additional case manager position at the facility. Ms. Lopez seconded. The motion was withdrawn and a discussion ensued that rather than a motion a formal letter from the Committee to the BCC advising them of the need for an additional case management position under the Chair's signature.

Director Sedillo announced that Stacey Byard, Re-entry Specialist, has resigned to take a position in Albuquerque where she resides. He assured the Committee that he tried to persuade her to stay with incentives but this is a good opportunity for Ms. Byard. The position will be posted Monday, January 12th and Ms. Byard's last day is January 20th.

Chair Susman said Ms. Byard's departure certainly adds to the urgency. There was Committee consensus that filling Ms. Byard's position and then hiring a case manager would be appropriate.

Director Sedillo said he would review the budget with the Warden prior to forwarding recommendations. The facility population has increased and there may be additional FTEs required. The average population during 2014 was 530. He noted that there has been a reduction in US Marshal inmates.

Warden Caldwell said they have six case managers at the facility and he feels confident that the population will still receive services. He too acknowledged that Ms. Byard's departure will be a big loss for the County.

The Committee wished Ms. Byard the best in her new endeavor.

**V. Action Plan for Accomplishing Tasks Set Forth in Resolution No. 2012-140
Employment Wrap-Around Services – What resources are used; who is out
there and what are the hurdles?**

Chair Susman said this item has been recurring on each agenda and it was difficult topic to identify progress. Ms. Byard was going to bring forward a list of entities/individuals that hire ex-inmates and those entities would be contacted for a formal recognition at a BCC meeting.

The Chair said he contacted Simon Brackley of the Chamber of Commerce and was strongly deterred from approaching the chamber.

Director Sedillo said while disappointing that is the roadblock his staff hits when approaching the public about entry into the community. The stigma of a former inmate contributes greatly to recidivism. As a rural area, Santa Fe lacks wrap-around services for the facility population.

Ms. Rodriguez Cadiz offered to facilitate connections for the youth facility with Youth Works and Girls, Inc. She said these organization help with self-esteem. Mr. Aaron Garcia said Santa Fe Homebuilders have come to the facility and worked with the youth on skills.

Suggestions were made to contact individual members of the Chamber of Commerce Board and reach out to Mayor Gonzales for some assistance first.

Chair Susman said the Committee can advise the BCC of the problems that exist with wrap around services and possible solutions but without adequate funding and bringing the issue to the attention of the public nothing will occur.

Director Sedillo said the primary issue is transition. A wraparound services program/case management is necessary.

Ms. Lopez said she has learned a great deal serving on this committee. She mentioned Ms. George's letter that states most of the inmates have mental health problems. A substitute for jail for the mentally ill is necessary, i.e., a crisis center. That seems to be the best option for curbing recidivism and helping that special population. Apparently Bernalillo County is developing a center.

Deputy Chief Lettenberger mentioned Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshop which is a tool for mental health. Santa Fe was recently chosen to receive the workshop. The Mental Health Alliance which includes law enforcement, the hospital, corrections, the judicial, etc., was instrumental in Santa Fe receiving this training and will participate in the training.

Director Sedillo said they have working on mental illness within the population through Dr. Ayad's leadership. Bernalillo has a commission that issues diversions from jail. The commission is chaired by an appointed court representative, along with a public defender and district attorney funded by AOC. Rather than take an individual to jail they will be taken to the UNM psychiatric facility. A competency hearing occurs. Many of the individuals stabilize once they take their medication and can be released from custody. Santa Fe is exploring treatment

guardianship which will expedite stabilization and release from the facility. He noted that the psychiatric department at the facility has been greatly enhanced. Judge Marlowe is prepared to develop a commission similar to what Bernalillo has developed.

Warden Caldwell reviewed CQI data Ms. George used on her report and he indicated that the number of individuals receiving behavioral health treatment in the past few months were consistent. If an individual has received a behavioral health assessment within the last six months another assessment will not occur. Dr. Ayad has been instrumental in relocating the severely mentally ill into an appropriate facility.

VI. Update on “The Alliance”

Deputy Chief Lettenberger said the Alliance is divided into six subcommittees and the issues CAC addresses are also being addressed within those subcommittees. The new mapping workshop will provide a valuable tool.

Chair Susman remarked that all of this will be compounded by the state budget problems with the reduction in oil and gas revenues. Director Sedillo agreed stating the bottom line is funding. He encouraged a strong voice at next year’s legislative session for mental health facilities/crisis management. He envisions a one-stop shop with education, behavioral health and job work force components all in one facility.

VII. Matters from Staff

None were presented.

VIII. Matters from the Committee

Ms. Lopez said because of other responsibilities this year she was unable to continue her service on the committee. She offered to forward names to individuals from the immigration community to Ms. Rendon-Varela. Chair Susman requested that she attend next month’s meeting to secure a quorum.

IX. Matters from the Public

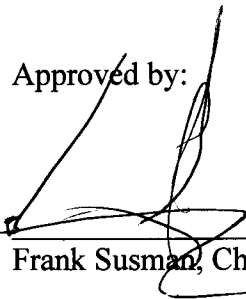
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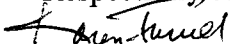
X. Suggested Items for Next Meeting

- Legislative approach – preparation for future session with sponsors [as a reoccurring agenda item]
- Invite Dr. Ayad to provide an update on his work
- Discuss Bernalillo County Diversion Commission for adaptation in Santa Fe County

XII. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with a motion to adjourn, Chair Susan declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Frank Susman, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork